



## National Committee on Uniform Traffic Control Devices

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4 **change or revision has no legal or official status until specifically approved by**  
5 **FHWA through either the Interim Approval process or adoption into a new edition**  
6 **of the MUTCD.**

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8 **TECHNICAL COMMITTEE:** Bicycle Technical Committee

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10 **TOPIC:** Selective Exclusion Signs - Clarification of Use

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12 **STATUS/DATE OF ACTION:**

13 **BTC Drafts:** 01/19/2011 (version1.1)

14 **BTC Approval:** 01/19/2011

15 **RWSTC Concurrence:** 01/19/2011

16 **Transmitted to Sponsors:** 01/21/2011

17 **TC Revision:** 06/22/2011

18 **Council Approval:** **06/23/2011**

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20 **ORIGIN OF REQUEST:** NCUTCD Bicycle Technical Committee

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22 **AFFECTED SECTIONS OF MUTCD:** 2B.39

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24 **SUMMARY:**

25 Revise Section 2B.39 of the 2009 MUTCD dealing with Selective Exclusion signs to  
26 address issues with applicability.

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28 **DISCUSSION**

29 During the development of a proposal to create uniform signing for bicyclist access to  
30 freeways (approved by NCUTCD January 2010), some issues were identified with the  
31 wording used in Section 2B.39, based on an analysis of the text and reports from road  
32 users. The three specific concerns are:

- 33 1. Ensuring that Selective Exclusion signs prohibiting pedestrians or bicyclists are  
34 only installed in accordance with law and regulation.
- 35 2. Providing guidance to MUTCD users on the use of Selective Exclusion signs in  
36 locations where there is the possibility of confusion, such as where a ramp leads  
37 to a freeway from a parallel roadway open to bicycle traffic.

38 The proposed changes should address the identified problems.

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1 These proposed changes were also reviewed and endorsed by the NCUTCD  
2 Regulatory & Warning Sign Technical Committee at their meeting in January 2011.

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4 **RECOMMENDED MUTCD PROVISIONS/ REVISIONS**

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6 **Note:** Deletions from the 2009 MUTCD text are noted in ~~strikethrough-red~~, and  
7 insertions in underline blue.

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9 **Revise Section 2B.39 as follows:**

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11 **Section 2B.39 Selective Exclusion Signs**

12 Support:

13 01 Selective Exclusion signs (see Figure 2B-11) give notice to road users that State or local statutes or  
14 ordinances exclude designated types of traffic from using particular roadways or facilities.

15 **Standard:**

16 02 **If used, Selective Exclusion signs shall clearly indicate the type of traffic that is excluded.**

17 Support:

18 03 Typical exclusion messages include:

- 19 A. No Trucks (R5-2),
- 20 B. NO MOTOR VEHICLES (R5-3),
- 21 C. NO COMMERCIAL VEHICLES (R5-4),
- 22 D. NO TRUCKS (VEHICLES) WITH LUGS (R5-5),
- 23 E. No Bicycles (R5-6),
- 24 F. NO NON-MOTORIZED TRAFFIC (R5-7),
- 25 G. NO MOTOR-DRIVEN CYCLES (R5-8),
- 26 H. No Pedestrians (R9-3),
- 27 I. No Skaters (R9-13),
- 28 J. No Equestrians (R9-14), and
- 29 K. No Hazardous Material (R14-3) (see Section 2B.62).

30 Option:

31 04 Appropriate combinations or groupings of these legends into a single sign, such as NO PEDESTRIANS  
32 BICYCLES MOTOR-DRIVEN CYCLES (R5-10a), or NO PEDESTRIANS OR BICYCLES (R5-10b)  
33 may be used.

34 *Guidance:*

35 05 *If an exclusion is governed by vehicle weight, a Weight Limit sign (see Section 2B.59) should be used*  
36 *instead of a Selective Exclusion sign.*

37 06 *If used on a ~~freeway or expressway~~ ramp to a freeway or expressway where pedestrians and bicycles*  
38 *travel are prohibited by law or regulation, the NO PEDESTRIANS OR BICYCLES (R5-10b) sign should*  
39 *be installed in a location where it is clearly visible to any pedestrian or bicyclist attempting to enter the*  
40 *limited access facility from a street intersecting the ~~exit~~ ramp. In locations where a freeway or*  
41 *expressway is accessed from a ramp from a roadway parallel to the freeway or expressway, the sign*  
42 *should be placed in a location that clearly indicates the prohibition applies only to the freeway or*  
43 *expressway or to the ramp.*

44 07 *The Selective Exclusion sign should be placed on the right-hand side of the roadway at an appropriate*

1 *distance from the intersection so as to be clearly visible to all road users turning into the roadway that*  
2 *has the exclusion. The NO PEDESTRIANS (R5-10c) or No Pedestrian Crossing (R9-3) sign (see Section*  
3 *2B.51) should be installed so as to be clearly visible to pedestrians who are at a location where an*  
4 *alternative route is available.*

5 Option:

6 08 The NO PEDESTRIANS (R5-10c) or No Pedestrian Crossing (R9-3) sign may also be used at  
7 underpasses or elsewhere where pedestrian facilities are not provided.

8 09 The NO TRUCKS (R5-2a) word message sign may be used as an alternate to the No Trucks (R5-2)  
9 symbol sign.

10 10 The AUTHORIZED VEHICLES ONLY (R5-11) sign may be used at median openings and other  
11 locations to prohibit vehicles from using the median opening or facility unless they have special  
12 permission (such as law enforcement vehicles or emergency vehicles) or are performing official business  
13 (such as highway agency vehicles).